



May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to update you on this half-term and to share details of our upcoming term. Year 10 have displayed a commendable maturity in helping the school prepare for GCSE and A Level examinations, doing their part in ensuring the school site is silent as exams start and continue. I have been impressed with the commitment to learning and level of effort on display in Year 10 lessons throughout the week, every week. I hope you have seen our social media post about Year 10 Student Stars, a pizza based rewards lunch I organised to celebrate outstanding Year 10 students. I look forward to running something similar based on formal mocks performance. I have told the year group that if we commit ourselves to being organised and well-prepared in our revision, that they will perform well in their upcoming mock exams.

There have been 3 ongoing interventions for Year 10, with engagement being high and staff commenting on the effort and resilience on display from the students involved. Well done to those students on the Maths, and the English Q5 intervention. Our interventions continue and will tail off coinciding with the start of formal mocks. I would like to thank all parents involved for their support in motivating their child to attend and engage with these.

After the May half-term break, Year 10 will experience their consolidation fortnight (see below for the homework calendar). The cohort will be expected to be organised and spend their time wisely on consolidation and revision. To support students, I have arranged for our tutor sessions in the two weeks leading up to mocks to be centred around focused revision. See the attached picture for details. We will have Maths revision with tailored questions for those on Higher or Foundation. There will also be live revision lessons run by Mr Hill, and Mr Robson for Maths, with corresponding live revision lessons run by Mrs White, and Mr Dobson for English. I have also arranged for Geography and History revision resources to be created for students to use in tutor time. Formal mocks will begin on 15 June and last for two weeks. Please may I ask for your support in encouraging your child to spend their time revising and preparing for their first full experience of mock examinations with full GCSE papers.

To help our students navigate the potential stress and pressure of upcoming exams, I have arranged for Kooth to deliver an assembly on examination stress and mental health. They are well-placed to deliver this as they are the UK's largest digital mental health service, working in partnership with the NHS. Mrs Cook, who has whole school leadership on teaching & learning, has also delivered an assembly to the year group on how to revise, with what works and what doesn't based on cognitive science. Please see the link below to see this information.

Useful links:

- [Homework Calendar - Year 10 2025/26](#)
- [Year 10 tutor time plan](#)
- [Mrs Cook's revision slides](#)

Thank you for your continued support this year.

Yours sincerely

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